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**TRANSACTION SYSTEM AND METHODOLOGY WITH INTER-PARTY  
COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY**

Inventor: Anthony P. MAYO

Our Ref: 2040638.0002.C1

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. This Transmittal Letter;
2. Continuation Patent Application Transmittal;
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Specification based on 09/549,572 containing 24 pages and 8 sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8);
5. Sole Declaration for Patent Application;
6. Revocation and Appointment of New Power of Attorney;
7. Combined Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), Power of Attorney by Assignee, and Change of Correspondence Address;
8. Information Disclosure Statement;
9. PTO Form 1449;
10. Our check no. 148178 in the amount of \$604.00 to cover the Application Fee; and
11. Two acknowledgement postcards.

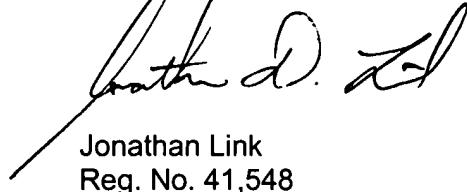
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Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**TRANSACTION SYSTEM AND METHODOLOGY  
WITH INTER-PARTY COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY**

and invented by:

**Anthony P. MAYO**

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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Enclosed are:

**Application Elements**

1.  Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2.  Specification having 24 pages and including the following:
  - a.  Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b.  Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
  - c.  Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
  - d.  Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
  - e.  Background of the Invention
  - f.  Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g.  Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - h.  Detailed Description
  - i.  Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j.  Abstract of the Disclosure

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3.  Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)
  - a.  Formal Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_ 8
  - b.  Informal Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Oath or Declaration
  - a.  Newly executed (*original or copy*)  Unexecuted
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
  - c.  With Power of Attorney  Without Power of Attorney
  - d.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5.  Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.  CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7.  Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CFR)
  - b.  Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  Paper
  - c.  Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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17.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

(Optional) Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

18.  Additional Enclosures (*please identify below*):

**Revocation and Appointment of New Power of Attorney**

**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

19.  Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

**Warning**

***An applicant who makes a request not to publish, but who subsequently files in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), must notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. A failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional.***

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**Fee Calculation and Transmittal**

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

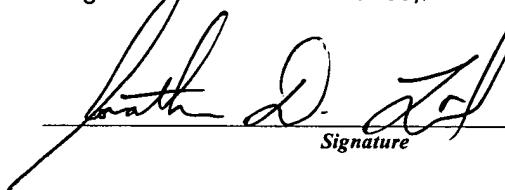
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				BASIC FEE	\$385.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
				TOTAL FILING FEE	\$604.00

A check in the amount of \$604.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 23-1951 as described below.

- Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as filing fee.
- Credit any overpayment.
- Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
- Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

Dated: December 24, 2003



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